

WILLIAM McDONALD

William McDonald was born on November 16, 1834, in Crawford Burns, County Down, Ireland. He was the son of James and Sarah Ferguson McDonald. When a young man he came to the United States with his parents, who were Mormon converts. They lived in Nauvoo and Bonapart, Iowa, until they acquired three yoke of oxen, two wagons, two cows and a pony. In the spring of 1850 they began the long journey to Zion. James, the father, died of cholera and was buried without a casket on the banks of the Platte River. The family first settled in Springville, moving to Heber City in 1862.

William was the fourth child of the family, being 16 when they came to Utah. He



married Seriah Jane Shirts on December 10, 1853, who was from Cedar City. They were the parents of 20 children, as follows:

Jane, Sarah Ann, William, Margaret Seriah, James, Mary, Eliza Ann, George, Olive, Nancy, Rhoda Frances, Joseph, Lucy and Robert (twins), Fannie, Levina, Ermina, Alma, John, Lenora and Alliea.

William McDonald was a High Priest and worked on the Nauvoo Temple before coming to Utah. He became the first county treasurer of Wasatch County, selectman same county. He was a scout in the Echo Canyon campaign, a veteran of the Walker and Black Hawk Indian Wars, a farmer and a stock raiser. On November 3, 1865, he married Ann Elizabeth Shirts, who was a sister to his first wife. There were 12 children, namely:

Hiram, Seriah Jane, Margaret Ann, Henry Carlos, Susan Sophia, Elizabeth, Joseph William, Elva Loretta, Clara L., Edward, Daniel Lewis and Maudia May.

William McDonald died November 2, 1921, and is buried in Provo Cemetery.

SERIAH SHIRTS

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were Peter Shirts and Margaret Cameron Shirts. She came to Utah in 1853 and her family settled in Cedar City. She married William McDonald on December 10, 1853, and became the mother of 20 children. She died April 20, 1919, being buried in Heber City Cemetery.

ELIZABETH ANN SHIRTS

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